

MINUTES
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, March 25, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.
Town Manager's Office

Present: Councilor Lee Pratt; Councilor Suzie Phillips.

Absent: Councilor James Hager, Chair.

Also Present: Town Manager, Ephrem Paraschak; Finance Director, Sharon Laflamme; Attorney Tori L. Stenbak representing Michael Taylor; Stephanie Irish, John Pearson and David Irish.

1. Review and discuss foreclosed properties

The Committee discussed and agreed unanimously to amend the agenda in order to discuss foreclosed properties first. Finance Director Sharon Laflamme distributed a list of foreclosed properties to the Committee, which the Committee reviewed.

Stephanie Irish and family members addressed the Committee and asked to purchase their father - James Irish's foreclosed property at 73 Ossipee Trail. Staff recommended that Stephanie and family draft a letter of intent with more information and return to provide the letter at a future Finance Committee Meeting.

Attorney Tori L. Stenbak representing Michael Taylor regarding the Rita and Stanley Taylor property at 75 Shaws Mill Road addressed the Committee and asked that the Town hold off on placing this foreclosed property up for tax sale as Mr. Taylor had recently taken possession of the property and would list it for sale in the spring. Ms. Stenbak further said that the past due taxes would then be paid at the time of closing. No Committee action was taken.

2. Consideration of the minutes of January 28, 2019 Meeting

A motion was MADE by Councilor Pratt, SECONDED by Councilor Phillips, and VOTED to accept the minutes of the January 28, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting. Unanimous vote.

3. Review and Discuss February Financials

The Committee reviewed attachments 2a-2b/ February financials. Councilor Phillips asked staff about the history and revenue of the Old Robie School and Gym.

4. Review and discuss Capital Reserves

The Committee held a general discussion regarding expenses and reserve accounts.

5. Other Business

The Committee commented that Councilor Hager had requested at the January 28, 2019 Finance Committee meeting that staff please provide the Town's contract for Westbrook billing, as well as advise of the date of the last increase on Gorham trash bags at the March 28th meeting. As Councilor Hager was absent, the Committee discussed providing the information at the next meeting.

6. Schedule next meeting

The Committee scheduled the next meeting for June 24th at 5:30 p.m.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jessica Hughes, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager & HR